

### OVERVIEW

This section of the manual contains information regarding Federal and State laws that are important for support coordinators (formally service coordinators) to know. Understanding these laws will aid in advocating for individual's services both within the Regional Office and with other agencies. While it is not required for support coordinators to know these laws verbatim, a general knowledge of each and an understanding of how it affects services and supports for the individual is critical. It is also important to be alert to information regarding changes in these laws and any new laws that are established.

Also included in this section is information regarding two advocacy programs that exist in the state to provide both advocacy services and training for individuals wishing to learn more about the rights and how to advocate for themselves or their family member.